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Inventors: Michael M. Neff et al.
Our Ref: 53279-20006.10

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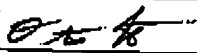
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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary (Paper No. 0205) dated March 3, 2005 for which a response is due April 3, 2005. Accordingly, this Communication is timely filed.

The interview was conducted by telephone on February 28, 2005. Applicants thank Examiner Collins for her helpful discussions. All pending claims were discussed. Applicants discussed the standards for disclosure to meet the written description requirement for claims reciting nucleotide sequences that hybridize to SEQ IDs under various hybridization conditions or have some percentage identity with SEQ IDs. Applicants discussed with the Examiner the state of the art regarding P450 enzymes in terms of both enzymatic activity and substrate binding.

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